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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
CARLOS JESUS JORDAN LOPEZ,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:23-MJ-00111-EPG

STIPULATION REGARDING EXCLUDABLE  
TIME PERIODS UNDER SPEEDY TRIAL ACT;  
FINDINGS AND ORDER

DATE: May 20, 2024  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
COURT: Hon. Stanley A. Boone

This case is set for a preliminary hearing on May 20, 2024. The parties agree and stipulate to continue the preliminary hearing until June 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Sheila K. Oberto. Defense counsel has continued to be engaged in discussions and further investigation and needs additional time to conclude that process. Attorney Mario Tafur has taken over the direct representation of defendant Lopez and has only recently been able to in person confer with his client. Mr. Tafur needs additional time to confer with Mr. Lopez and the Government. Additionally, the parties are engaged in discussions and investigation of issues related to a possible pre-indictment resolution as well as consultation with or seeking consultation with experts. The parties believe that a resolution is at hand. There are complex factual and legal issues the parties are exploring and believe that additional time to conclude that process will be productive in moving the case forward. The parties believe this short continuance will be the last such continuance necessary.

If the case is continued, this Court should designate a new date for the preliminary hearing.

1 *United States v. Lewis*, 611 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2010) (noting any pretrial continuance must be  
2 “specifically limited in time”).

3 **STIPULATION**

4 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and defendant, by and  
5 through defendant’s counsel of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

6 1. By previous order, this matter was set for preliminary hearing on May 20, 2024.

7 2. By this stipulation, defendant now moves to continue the preliminary hearing until **June**  
8 **10, 2024.** and to exclude time between May 20, 2024, and June 10, 2024.

9 3. The parties agree and stipulate, and request that the Court find the following:

10 a) The parties are discussing and conducting further investigation into pre-  
11 indictment matters and need additional time to conclude.

12 b) Counsel for defendant desires additional time to consult with his client, conduct  
13 further investigation, and further discuss charges with the government.

14 c) Counsel for the defendant and the Government are engaged in resolution  
15 discussions and believe that additional time is necessary to conclude those discussions.

16 d) Counsel for defendant believes that failure to grant the above-requested  
17 continuance would deny her the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into  
18 account the exercise of due diligence.

19 e) The government does not object to the continuance.

20 f) Pursuant to F.R.Cr.P. 5.1(c) and (d), a preliminary hearing must be held “no later  
21 than 14 days after initial appearance if the defendant is in custody,” unless the defendant  
22 consents and there is a “showing of good cause”. Here, the defendant consents and there is good  
23 cause as set forth herein.

24 g) Based on the above-stated findings, the ends of justice served by continuing the  
25 case as requested outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in an indictment or trial  
26 within the original dates prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act.

27 h) For the purpose of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161,  
28 et seq., within which an indictment must be filed and within which a trial must commence, the

time period of May 20, 2024 to June 10, 2024, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) because it results from a continuance granted by the Court at defendant's request on the basis of the Court's finding that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment/trial.

4. Nothing in this stipulation and order shall preclude a finding that other provisions of the Speedy Trial Act dictate that additional time periods are excludable from the period within which an indictment must be filed and a trial must commence.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: May 15, 2024

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/s/ DENNIS L LEWIS  
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Assistant United States Attorney

Dated: May 15, 2024

/s/ MARIO TAFUR  
MARIO TAFUR  
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CARLOS JESUS JORDAN  
LOPEZ

**ORDER**

The preliminary hearing in the above-entitled case is hereby continued from the previously set date of May 20, 2024, to **June 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge Sheila K. Oberto**. The time period of May 20, 2024 to June 10, 2024, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv). All other orders remain in full force and effect. The Court will not grant further continuances, absent good cause, which will be narrowly construed, and the preliminary hearing will go forward on June 10, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 15, 2024

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE